

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (cancelled):

Claim 16 (new): An artificial fingernail remover comprising a receptacle and an absorbent;

said receptacle being formed of a flexible and airtight resin sheet of 0.005 mm to 1.0 mm in thickness into a sack shape with an opened end, a closed end and a cavity defined between said opened and closed ends;

said absorbent being disposed in the receptacle and secured to the closed end of said receptacle; and

said absorbent having suitable elasticity and flexibility; wherein in use a solvent is dropped through the opened end in said receptacle to impregnate said solvent into said absorbent, and then, the user's finger and said artificial fingernail attached to the user's fingernail are inserted through the opened end into the cavity so that the artificial fingernail is brought into contact with said absorbent until nearly second joint of the user's finger is received in said receptacle in order to dissolve or soften resin of said artificial fingernail by said solvent retained in said absorbent.

Claim 17 (new): The artificial fingernail remover of claim 16, wherein said receptacle is formed of a resin selected from the

group consisting of polyethylene, polyamide, polypropylene, ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, polyethylene terephthalate and vinylidene chloride.

Claim 18 (new): The artificial fingernail remover of claim 16, wherein said absorbent is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of foamed resin of polyethylene or polyurethane, sponge of organic material, cloth or woven or nonwoven fabric.

Claim 19 (new): The artificial fingernail remover of claim 16, wherein said absorbent is adhered to the closed end of said receptacle by heat-sealing or welding.

Claim 20 (new): The artificial fingernail remover of claim 16, wherein the solvent absorbed by said absorbent is selected from the group consisting of acetone, alcohol, amyl acetate and ethyl acetate.

Claim 21 (new): The artificial fingernail remover of claim 16, wherein each of said receptacle and absorbent is made of a material that cannot be dissolved or softened by the solvent.

Claim 22 (new): The artificial fingernail remover of claim 16, wherein a length of said absorbent being shorter than that of said receptacle.